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| Daniel Flitcroft |) | |
| Application No.: 09/506,830 |) | Group Art Unit: 3696 |
| Filed: February 18, 2000 |) | Examiner: Clement B Graham |
| For: CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AND |) | Confirmation No.: 9055 |
| METHOD |) | |

REQUEST TO COMPLETE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 4, 2008, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial consideration of Forms PTO-1449, as follows:

The Form PTO-1449 submitted with the first Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on July 3, 2001 was returned with the Office Action dated July 9, 2002. However, this Form PTO-1449 was not fully initialed by the Examiner. In particular, the Examiner did not initial next to the last document identified in Sheet 1 of the Form PTO-1449. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Form PTO-1449 returned with the July 9, 2002 Office Action is submitted herewith. The copy of the Form PTO-1449 of the first IDS has been annotated to identify the document that was not identified as being considered.

A second IDS and Form PTO-1449 were filed on October 3, 2002. However, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the second IDS was not returned to Applicant to indicate consideration of the documents identified thereon. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Second IDS and Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

An Eighth IDS and Form PTO-1449 were filed on May 7, 2008. However, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Eight IDS was not returned to Applicant to indicate consideration of the documents listed thereon. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the Eight IDS and Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

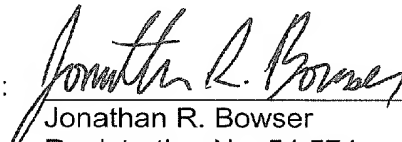
It is respectfully requested that these forms be returned as soon as possible indicating consideration of the documents mentioned thereon.

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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ The fee of \$180.00 (1806) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

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The above information was previously cited by or submitted to the office in prior Application No. 09/235,836, filed January 22, 1999, upon which applicants rely for benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not included.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that no item of information contained in this Information disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Consideration and making of record in the application identified in caption of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement are respectfully requested. A statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and an IDS fee set forth in 37 C.F.R.

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§ 1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00 (1806) are being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application numbers U.S. Application Serial No. 09/548,659, filed April 13, 2000; Application Serial No. 09/665,574, filed September 18, 2000; and Application Serial No. 09/691,175, filed October 18, 2000.



In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that these copending applications have been considered. By citation to the copending applications, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of these copending applications under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

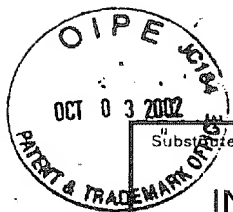
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The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 10/160,178, naming Daniel Ian Flitcroft et al. as inventors and filed on June 4, 2002. A non-final Office Action rejecting the claims of U.S. Application No. 10/160,178 was issued on February 7, 2008, in which the Examiner newly introduced U.S. Patent No. 6,352,205 to Mullins et al.

The document is being submitted after the close of prosecution but prior to, or concurrently with, the payment of the issue fee, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) a statement and the fee of \$ 180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are enclosed.

I, the undersigned, hereby state in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2) that U.S. Patent No. 6,352,205 to Mullins et al. was not first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to my knowledge after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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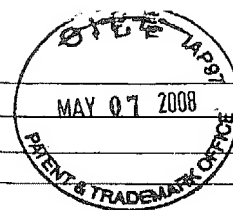
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